

2018 Chicago Harbors Commercial Permit Descriptions & Requirements

Dealer Charter

- For the purpose of a commercial boat dealer to display boats for sale.
- Entitled to one additional parking card at second card rate (except Monroe)
- \$1500.00 per season

Bare Boat

- For the purpose of renting out boat only.
- Renter operates the boat themselves, or hires a captain (but not the boat owner) per USCG regulations
- The renter may not charge passengers or sub-lease boat.
- Maximum of twelve persons or rated capacity of the boat, whichever is less.
- Entitled to one additional parking card at second card rate (except Monroe)
- \$700.00 per season

6 Passenger

- For the purpose of transporting passengers for hire.
- A licensed captain is required to operate the boat.
- Maximum of six persons, excluding captain only, or rated capacity of the boat, whichever is less.
- Entitled to one additional parking card at second card rate (except Monroe)
- \$700 per season

6 Passenger Fishing

- For the purpose of transporting passengers for hire for fishing puposes only.
- A licensed captain is required to operate the boat.
- Maximum of six persons, excluding captain only, or rated capacity of the boat, whichever is less.
- Entitled to one additional parking card at second card rate (except Monroe)
- \$340.00 per season

20 Passenger

- For the purpose of transporting passengers for hire.
- A licensed captain is required to operate the boat.
- Maximum of twenty persons, excluding captain only, or rated capacity of the boat, whichever is less.
- Entitled to one additional parking card at second card rate (except Monroe).
- \$1400.00 per season

Party Charter

- For the purpose of transporting passengers for hire.
- A licensed captain is required to operate the boat.
- Maximum persons on board is the rated capacity of the boat.
- Entitled to one additional parking card at second card rate (except Monroe).
- \$3200.00 per season

Sailing Instruction (Under 27')

- For the purpose of sailing instruction only.
- Entitled to no additional parking cards.
- \$450.00 per season

Personal Water Craft (PWC) Rental

- For rental of personal water craft.
- Available only at approved harbors and mooring classes.
- Rate is per personal water craft, not per mooring.
- \$300.00 per season



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Peer to Peer Leasing

- For part-time leasing of boat. Renter operates the boat themselves, i.e. no captain.
- The renter may not charge or sub-lease boat.
- Maximum of 30 rental days per season.
- Available only at approved harbors and specific moorings and through approved listing service.
- \$500.00 per season

Applications for more than one of the above permit types will only be charged a single fee, which will be the higher fee of the permit types applied for. (i.e. if you apply for a 6 Passenger Fishing and a Bare Boat, the fee will be \$700 per season)

Other Requirements

- Unless otherwise specified, the above pertain to one boat and one mooring only.
- No loading/unloading of passengers, cargo or other materials except at assigned mooring or touch and go area designated for commercial use. Touch and go use is limited to 15 minutes and on a first come first serve basis.
- No commercial permittee shall operate a commercial service Boat within the Harbor System between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., the following day ***without prior written authorization of Director of Lakefront Services or his/her designee.***
- Commercial Permit is for the Extended Harbor Season (May 1 to November 15), but permittee may have to relocate to a designated Late Leaver Harbor for period after regular Harbor Season (May 1 to October 31).
- Permittee is responsible for the activity and conduct of passengers, customers, and customer's guests at all times within the harbor and on harbor property.
- Permittee is responsible for the use or misuse of harbor parking passes or codes given to passengers, customers, and customer's guests. No fee may be charged by permittee for the use of harbor parking passes or codes to anyone, including to passengers, customers, or customer's guests.
- Permittee may not publish or otherwise disseminate gate or other harbor access codes in any way beyond directly to customers. Permittee is also required to inform all guests that the dissemination of gate or other harbor access codes is prohibited.

Document*	Dealer	Bare Boat	6 Pass./ Fishing	20 Passenger	Party	Sailing Instruction	PWC	Peer to Peer
Chicago Harbors Application for Commercial Permit	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
\$1,000,000 liability insurance indemnification**	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Illinois or U.S. Vessel Registration	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Passenger Boat License			X	X	X	X		
Livery License/Rental Boat Stickers		X		X	X	X	X	X
U. S. Coast Guard Captain's License			X	X	X			
U. S. Coast Guard Certificate of Inspection				X	X			
Charter Boat Operators Permit			X					
City of Chicago Commercial Vessel Owners Permit					X			

* All documentation must be current and valid for entire season or if documentation expires before the end of the season, updated documentation to cover remaining portion of season must be received prior to expiration of original documentation.

** Indemnification must include Chicago Park District and Westrec Marina Management

13) Type of Commercial Service Offered: _____

14) Do you operate from a Chicago Park District Launch Ramp? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If so, which one? _____

15) Do you belong to a charter organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If so, which organization? _____

16) How many passengers are you licensed to carry?

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- 17) List capacity vessel is allowed to carry (lbs.)? _____
- 18) USCG Inspection Certification for vessels carrying more than six passengers for hire:
 Expiration Date: _____ Date Dry Docked: _____
 Total Persons Allowed: _____ Crew: _____ Passengers: _____
 Inspection Zone: _____
- 19) USCG Auxiliary Courtesy Examination: _____ Date: _____
- 20) Professional Standards Examination: _____ Date: _____
- 21) Chicago Park District Examination: _____ Date: _____
- 22) State of Illinois Livery License: _____ Date: _____
- 23) Commercial Passenger Vessel Ownership License: _____ Date: _____
- 24) State of Illinois Charter License: _____ Date: _____
- 25) F.C.C. Radio License: _____ Date: _____
- 26) How many miles off shore are you allowed to operate? _____

(Note: Attach copies of 3, 5, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24 and 25)

An insurance policy of \$1,000,000.00 general liability coverage and property damage combined single limit indemnifying permittee, Chicago Park District and Westrec Marina Management is required. A certificate reflecting the above must accompany this application.

The Chicago Park District and Westrec Marina Management, Inc. must be shown as additionally insured on the specified policy.

I, the permittee shall be responsible for the conduct of anyone chartering, using or being a guest on my vessel.

I hereby agree to abide by all rules and ordinances governing commercial boats in the Chicago Park District harbor system.

Applicant Signature: _____

Applicant Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

(For office use only)

Date of Application: _____

Date Approved: _____